Susan E. Morey* (morey@txstate.edu), Department of Mathematics, Texas State University, 601 University Dr, San Marcos, TX 78666. Lower Bounds for Depths of Powers of Edge Ideals of Trees and Graphs.

Lower bounds are given for the depths of R/I^t for $t \ge 1$ when I is the edge ideal of a tree or forest. The bounds are given in terms of the diameter of the tree, or in case of a forest, the largest diameter of a connected component and the number of connected components. These lower bounds provide a lower bound on the power for which the depths stabilize. For the edge ideal of a more general graph, similar bounds are given for low powers of the ideal. (Received August 20, 2009)